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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| <i>MAY 08 2006</i> | <i>AIPA</i> | <i>PATENT TRADEMARK</i> | <i>Application Number</i> | 09/899,927 |
| | | | <i>Filing Date</i> | July 9, 2001 |
| | | | <i>First Named Inventor</i> | Fred Judson HEINZMANN |
| | | | <i>Group Art Unit</i> | 2684 |
| | | | <i>Examiner Name</i> | Philip Sobotka |
| | | | <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | 213222-00045 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the Amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other: Preliminary Amendment
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other:

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

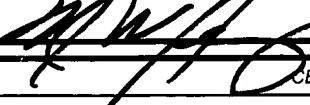
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1710
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other
- b. Check in the amount of \$_____ enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Name (Print/Type) | Mark W. Hrozenchik | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 45,316 |
| Signature |  | Date | May 8, 2006 |

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2006

Effective 10/01/2005. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 790.00)

| Complete if Known | |
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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Deposit Account **50-1710**Account Name **KATTEN MUCHIN ROSENMAN LLP**

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)
 Charge fee(s) indicated below Credit any overpayments
 Charge above Deposit Account with any additional fees necessary UNDER 37 CFR 1.16 AND/OR 1.17 to maintain pendency of this application.

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|----------|
| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | | |
| 1001 300 | 2001 150 | Utility Filing Fee | |
| 1111 500 | 2111 250 | Utility Search Fee | |
| 1311 200 | 2311 100 | Patent Examination Fee | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 0 | | | |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| | | Extra Claims | Fee | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--|--------------|-----|----------|
| Total Claims | | - 20** = | X | = |
| Independent | | - 3** = | X | = |
| Multiple Dependent | | | | = |

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Description |
|--------------------|---------------|--|
| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | |
| 1202 50 | 2202 25 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 200 | 2201 100 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 360 | 2203 180 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 200 | 2204 100 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 50 | 2205 25 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
| SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0 | | |

** or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee Code \$ | Fee Code \$ | Description | Fee Paid |
|-------------|-------------|--|----------|
| 1051 130 | 2051 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 50 | 2052 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 120 | 2251 60 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 450 | 2252 225 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 1,020 | 2253 510 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 1,590 | 2254 795 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 2,160 | 2255 1,080 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 500 | 2401 250 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 500 | 2402 250 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 1,000 | 2403 500 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 1,510 | 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 500 | 2452 250 | Petition to revive - unavoidable (1.17(l)) | |
| 1453 1,500 | 2453 750 | Petition to revive - unintentional (1.17(m)) | |
| 1501 1,400 | 2501 700 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 800 | 2502 400 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 1,100 | 2503 550 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 130 | 1460 130 | Petitions to the Director | |
| 1807 50 | 1807 50 | Processing fee - provisional app (1.17(q)) | |
| 1806 180 | 1806 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 40 | 8021 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 790 | 2809 395 | Filing a submission after final rejection (1.129(a)) | |
| 1814 130 | 2814 65 | Statutory Disclaimer | |
| 1801 790 | 2801 395 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | 790.00 |
| 1802 900 | 1802 900 | Req for expedited examination - Design App | |

Other fee (specify) _____

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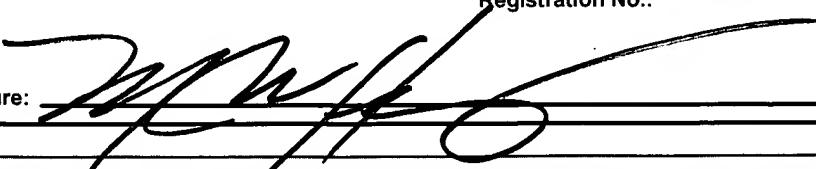
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